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SUBJECT Possible Movement of Russian Emigrants
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1. The Russian Emigrant Association's plans are progressing for the moving of Russian emigrants to Australia. During the week of 13-20 September, 1946, a Ukrainian Russian emigrant by the name of Ivan H. Brill, who is employed by Executive Headquarters in Peiping, was requested by the Russian emigrants to visit a Mr. Shadrin in Tientsin and obtain information regarding this proposed movement. Mr. Shadrin is responsible for the distribution and collection of application blanks of those emigrants who desire to leave China for Australia. Mr. Brill received fifty application blanks for distribution in Peiping from Shadrin who explained to him that the Peiping Russian emigrants also would have to submit with each completed application, a certificate stating that the applicant had an acceptable personal record. In addition, information was requested as to whether or not the applicant was able to pay his own trip expenses.
2. It is expected that the ship transporting these people will be ready about 1 December, 1946; however, if more than a thousand emigrants apply, a special ship probably will be provided.

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3. Recently the Russian Emigrant Association in Tsingtao received a letter from the Shanghai Association requesting a list of all emigrant Russians in Tsingtao who desire to move from China to Australia. To date, fifty emigrant families have indicated their desire to go.
4. Fifteen Soviet citizens in Tsingtao approached the Emigrant Association, requesting that their names also be added to the sailing list. However, these people were informed by Lelentsky, Chairman of the Emigrant Association, that he would not be able to include them unless they would renounce their Soviet citizenship through regular Chinese legal procedure.

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Note: Russian emigrants under discussion are White Russians.

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